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1. COMMENT:

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HAVE DEALT WITH

THE PDC'S FEAR THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD PREPARED A DECREE
LAW AIMED AT DISSOLVING THE PDC, AND GOVERNMENT DENIALS
THAT SUCH A DECREE EXISTED.)

2. IN EARLY AUGUST,

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INITIATING THE STORY CONCERNING THE EXISTENCE OF THE DECREE 1.5(c)
LAW. [REDACTED] SAID THAT WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO CONVINCE PRESIDENT
AUGUSTO PINOCHET OF THE NEED TO SUPPRESS THE PDC,
BUT THE LATTER CONTINUES TO OPPOSE THE IDEA BECAUSE OF THE
DAMAGE IT WOULD DO TO CHILE'S INTERNATIONAL IMAGE. [REDACTED]
SAID THAT AS A RESULT, AND WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF PINOCHET,
HE DECIDED TO PROVOKE THE PDC INTO ACTIONS WHICH WOULD BE
SUFFICIENTLY OBJECTIONABLE TO THE PRESIDENT TO MAKE HIM TAKE
ACTION AGAINST THE PARTY.

3. BASED ON THIS DECISION, [REDACTED] ARRANGED A MEETING WITH
[REDACTED] DURING WHICH
HE TOLD [REDACTED] THAT THE DECREE SUPPRESSING ALL
POLITICAL PARTIES HAD BEEN PREPARED AND ONLY LACKED THE
SIGNATURE OF ONE JUNTA MEMBER, ADMIRAL JOSÉ EMERINO,
IN ORDER TO BE DECLARED LAW. FROM [REDACTED] REACTION, [REDACTED]
SAID THAT HE FELT THAT HIS STORY HAD BEEN LAUNCHED
SUCCESSFULLY AND THAT [REDACTED] WOULD RELAY THE INFORMATION TO
PDC LEADERS.

4. [REDACTED] SAID THAT TO DATE, THE PDC HAS REACTED EXACTLY
AS HE HAD HOPED, THAT IS, THEY HAVE CONTACTED VARIOUS

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EMBASSIES, PARTICULARLY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN SANTIAGO TO ALERT THEM TO THE ALLEGED THREAT AND TO ASK FOR HELP AND MEMBERS OF THE PARTY DRAFTED A DECLARATION STRONGLY ATTACKING THE JUNTA. [REDACTED] COMMENT: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] REPORTED THE CONTENT OF THE PDC DECLARATION AND DISAGREEMENT AMONG PDC LEADERS AS TO WHETHER IT SHOULD BE PUBLISHED. [REDACTED] IS WRONG, HOWEVER, IN THINKING THAT HE PROVOKED THE PDC INTO DRAFTING THE DOCUMENT.

[REDACTED] THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN IN THE DRAFTING STAGE SINCE ABOUT MARCH 1975. IN ANY EVENT, [REDACTED] AIMS MAY STILL BE SERVED. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] LEFTWING PDC LEADERS, WHO WANT THE PDC TO GO INTO ACTIVE OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNMENT, ARE VERY MUCH IN FAVOR OF LEAKING THE DOCUMENT TO THE PRESS IN ORDER TO PROVOKE THE GOVERNMENT INTO OUTLAWING THE PARTY AND FORCING IT INTO CLANDESTINITY.

3. [REDACTED] SAID THAT HE IS HOPING FOR TWO MORE ACTIONS TO TAKE PLACE. FIRST, THAT FORMER PRESIDENT EDUARDO FREI WOULD TAKE ASYLUM IN A FOREIGN EMBASSY IN PROTEST OF THE ALLEGED PLANS AGAINST THE PDC, OR SECOND, THAT THE AMERICANS

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WILL OFFICIALLY COMPLAIN TO PINOCHET ABOUT THE ALLEGED
DECREE, THUS INTERFERING IN CHILE'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] IF THESE THINGS HAPPEN, THEN
THE STAGE WOULD BE SET FOR ACTION TO SUPPRESS THE PDC ON THE
BASIS THAT IT IS UNDERMINING THE GOVERNMENT WITH NO
JUSTIFICATION AND WORKING TO RUIN CHILE'S INTERNATIONAL
IMAGE.

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